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SUBJECT: PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN: PROPOSED VISIT OF DR ACKROYD

REF: STATE 188453

WE HAVE RECONSIDERED DR ACKROYD'S VISIT AND CONTINUE HAVE
DIFFICULTY IN CONCURRING AT THIS TIME.

THE GOI IS INDEED KEENLY AWARE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND PREPARED A
DETAILED AND COMPETENT STUDY THIS SUBJECT IN RESPONSE SYG'S
INVITATION ISSUED PURSUANT 1326 (XLIV) ECOSOC RESOLUTION. WE
ASSUME COPY OF THIS IMPRESSIVE 300 PLUS PAGE DOCUMENT
AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND ALONG WITH REPORT OF THREE-PERSON
US OBSERVER DELEGATION AT YOGYAKARTA CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE
FULL AND CURRENT PICTURE OF STATUS OF WOMEN, POSITION UNDER
MODERN AND ADAT LAW, ROLE IN LABOR FORCE AND RELATION-
SHIP FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS. EMBASSY PLEASED PROVIDE ANY
FURTHER REPORTING REQUIRED THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

MAIN FACTOR IN OUR RELUCTANCE ENCOURAGE VISIT AT THIS TIME
IS CURRENT DEBATE ON MARRIAGE BILL INTRODUCED BY SUHARTO
GOVERNMENT AND NOW PENDING BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES
AND SCHEDULED FOR FLOOR ACTION WHEN PARLIAMENT RECONVENES
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IN NOVEMBER. THIS BILL HAS LONG BEEN CHERISHED OBJECTIVE

OF MODERN-MINDED WOMEN'S GROUPS IN INDONESIA, BUT IT HAS
STIRRED UP STRONG POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN TRADITIONAL
MUSLIM CIRCLES AND LEVEL OF FEELING BOUND TO BE RUNNING
HIGH AT TIME DR ACKROYD WOULD BE VISITING. BELIEVE DR
ACKROYD'S VISIT SPECIFICALLY KEYED TO PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN
MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS US EFFORT INFLUENCE OUTCOME OF
THIS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE INTERNAL INDONESIAN ISSUE.
REGRET WE DID NOT EXPLAIN OUR FULL CONCERNS IN EARLIER CABLE.
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